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- 1. Available data fails to reveal that the Communist movement has had any appreciable success in infiltrating Latin American armed forces, police and airlines.
- 2. There is limited Communist participation in the Chilean armed forces, mainly within enlisted ranks. In Brazil, Communist leader Luiz Carlos Prestes and several ether Communists have endeavored unsuccessfully to have restored to them military ranks lest after the Communist Revolution of November 1935. Leaders of the Brazilian armed forces are Ahowever, profoundly anti-Communist in their views and have gone to considerable lengths to prevent the enlistment or commissioning of Communist personnel.

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3. With regard to Latin American police, the Communists are known to have scattered representation within Brazilian, Chilean and Cuban Departments. A Brazilian Government survey of August 1946, disclosed that some 400 were employed by police departments throughout the country. Most of these have since been removed and the remainder relegated to positions of negligible importance.

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